

chances for survival. Our knowledge of what causes this disease is expanding, and, bolstered by a firm national commitment to basic research, scientists continue to develop new and more effective methods of treatment. With each small step forward, we are saving women's lives.

Still, an estimated 182,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Almost 43,000 will die. It remains the second leading cause of cancer death among American women. The health care community has worked tirelessly to educate Americans about the importance of early detection, but many women postpone recommended check-ups and do not yet practice regular self-examination. We must work to make sure that all women are informed about the dangers of breast cancer, are aware of the life-saving potential of early detection, and have access to the high-quality care for which our Nation is known around the world. Every one of us can and must take an active role in the fight against breast cancer.

As we strive to ensure that our health care system meets the needs of all of our citizens, we must be certain that women receive proper screening for breast cancer. In concert with self-examination and clinical check-ups, mammography can be invaluable. Many cancers can be detected on a mammogram as early as 2 years before they would be noticed by a woman or her physician. Third-party reimbursement for mammography is increasing. Medicare now covers much of the cost of screening for women ages 65 or older, and many States now have laws requiring private insurers to offer coverage for this procedure. And a major effort is under way to inform employers about how businesses can provide screening mammography. I urge every State government, insurance company, medical facility, and business to follow these examples and to develop policies that incorporate this essential test.

Americans have always relied on partnerships to confront the many trials of daily life: partnerships between mothers and fathers to care for their children, partnerships between teachers and students to prepare for the challenges of the future. So, too, we must depend on one another if we are to succeed in the battle against breast cancer. Mothers and

daughters, patients and physicians, public and private sector alike—every one of us must bear responsibility for our health and the health of our loved ones. By sharing the lessons of proper nutrition in preventing cancer, by emphasizing the importance of regular breast examination, and by maintaining an unswerving national commitment to basic research, all of us can be life savers.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 185, has designated the month of October 1994, as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of October 1994, as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I invite the Governors of the 50 States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and the appropriate officials of all other areas under the American flag to issue similar proclamations. I also ask health care professionals, members of private industry, community groups, insurance companies, and all other interested organizations and individuals to unite in reaffirming our Nation's continuing commitment to controlling breast cancer.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.

William J. Clinton

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Nomination for Controller of the Office of Management and Budget *October 12, 1994*

The President today announced his nomination of G. Edward DeSeve as Controller of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

"Ed DeSeve is a financial innovator with financial management expertise in both the

public and private sectors," the President said. "He is a welcome addition to OMB and will help the administration meet its goal of strengthening financial management throughout the Federal Government."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks on Signing the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 *October 13, 1994*

Thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen, let me begin by thanking all of you for all your work on these projects and thanking the Members of Congress who are here. Let me also begin with a story that's not in my notes but I think is important to you to understand all this.

When Vice President Gore and I showed up here 20 months ago, we had talked about a lot of things. There were even cartoons making fun of us for being policy wonks. I've got one in there in the White House with everybody falling asleep while I talked to them about more new ideas. *[Laughter]* But one of the things that I learned as a Governor, even though we had kept our State and local tax burden when I was Governor in the bottom two or three in the country every year, I still found that there was massive frustration among taxpayers and among public employees with the way our government worked, which was much smaller than almost any other State government and, obviously, much smaller than the National Government. And we began this process of trying to reinvent our efforts there.

I thought that something like this on the national scale was much more necessary if we were ever to make public employment rewarding, if we were ever to reduce defense and maintain our national strength and national security, if we were ever to regain the confidence and trust of the American taxpayers. And when I talked to the Vice President about it, he thought so, too. I said, "You know, the problem with this sort of deal is, everybody is for it. It's a 100 to nothing deal, but nobody wants to take responsibility for it because it is a real pain to get it done." He was willing to take responsibility for get-

ting it done, and the American people owe him a great debt of gratitude for the work that he has done on it.

I kind of hate to sign this bill today. What will Jay Leno do? There will be no more \$500 hammers, no more \$600 toilet seats, no more \$10 ashtrays. Al Gore will never get on David Letterman again. *[Laughter]* It's sort of a sad moment—*[laughter]*—the passing of Government purchasing as the butt of all the jokes on the evening shows. But it is a very important moment for the American people who are out there working hard and need to keep as much of their money as they can, and if they give us any of it, they're entitled to know that we're spending it properly.

This Government cannot ignore problems with our operations. We have tried to get those problems into the open and to deal with them and in the process to make it part of our ongoing effort to have the actions of our National Government mirror what should be happening in all of our society, decentralizing, empowering people, relying more on people who are closest to the action.

We've done a lot of other things like that. I signed a bank reform bill the other day which will remove a billion dollars in regulatory compliance; the trucking deregulation bill, estimated to save \$8 billion in compliance with Federal regulations. We built a new highway in California after the earthquake in less than half the time we were told it could be built because we just changed the rules and the incentive structure there.

The SBA now can give you a three-page form—or a one-page form for a loan instead of one that's 100 pages long, and you can get an answer in 3 days. This is all part of that. We've given 17 States—17 States in 2 years, more than in the previous 12 years—permission to design their own welfare reform systems to move people from welfare to work.

So this procurement reform legislation we are signing today is a way to build the confidence of the American people in Government but also empower the people who work for the Government to make the most of their jobs and make the most of taxpayers' dollars.

This is the kind of thing I'm convinced that we'll be called upon to do more and more,